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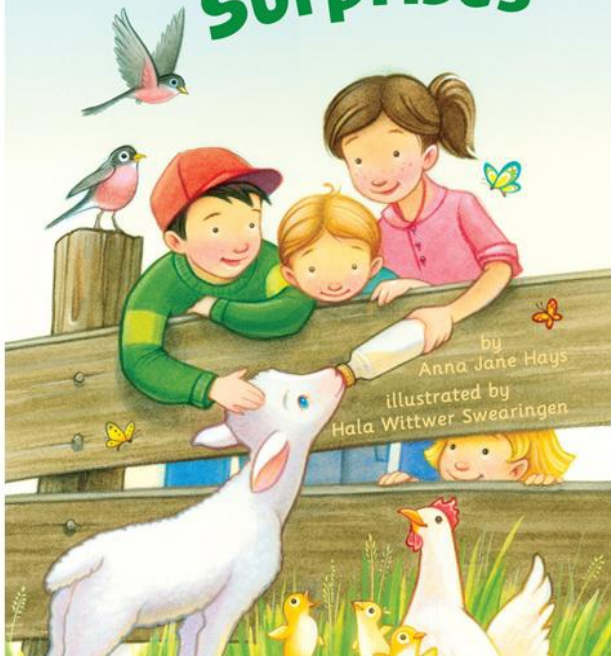
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-A.J.H.

To Elaine
-H.W.S.

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Wake up, wake up!
Spring is here,
calling us outside.
Frosty winter,

say goodbye!



Hello, blue sky,
where birds fly high
and clouds puff by.

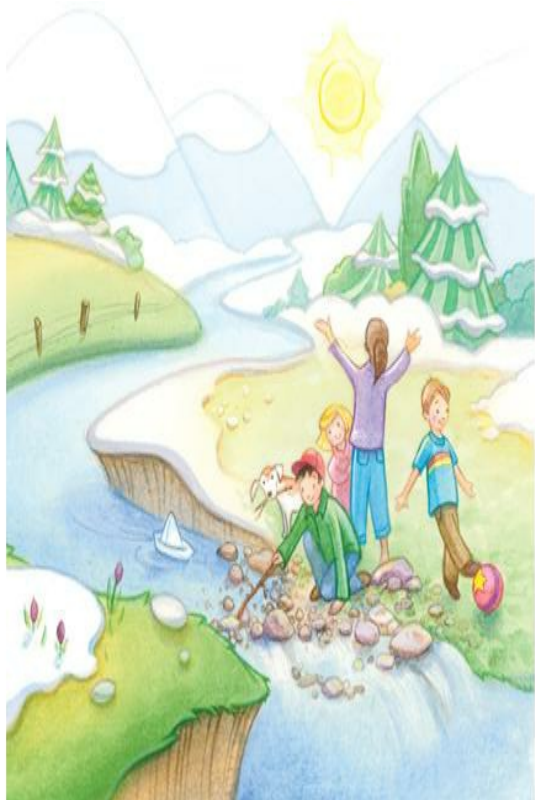


The groundhog has
come up to stay.



The bear cub has
come out to play.

Welcome, sunshine,
warm our cheeks.
Melt the snow and
fill the creeks.



Welcome, wind,
come fly our kites!





Greet longer days
and shorter nights.

Dance with raindrops
in spring showers.





Watch buds open
into flowers.

Come discover
spring's surprises.



Pick and smell
the pretty prizes.



Make mud pies
to bake on rocks.

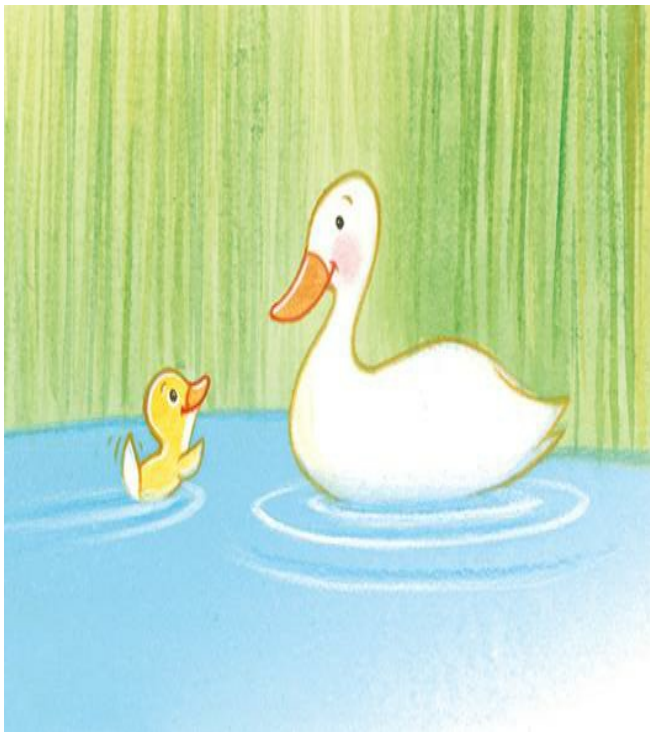


Make dollies
out of hollyhocks.



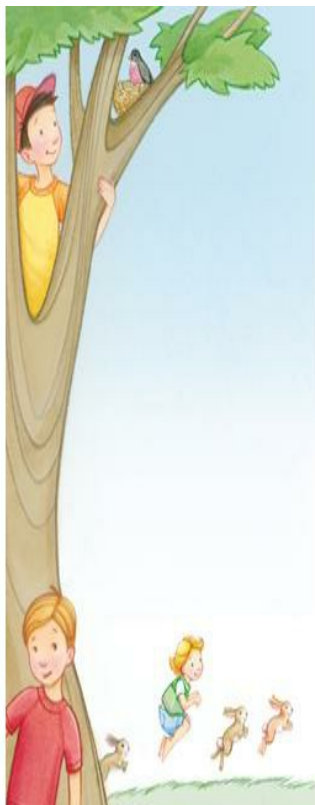


In the pond,
count pollywogs.
Watch them all
turn into frogs.



See the duckling

learn to swim.
Mother duck
is proud of him.

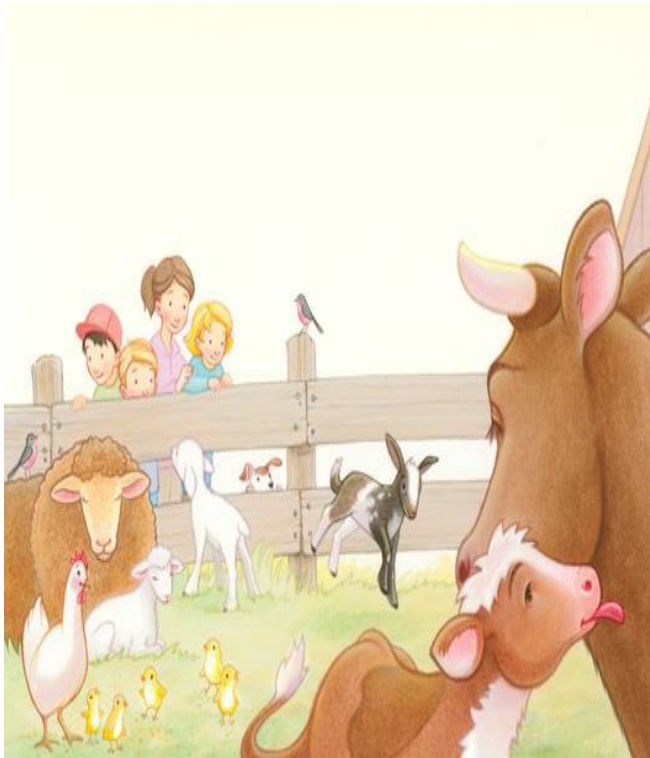


Look up, look up!
What's in the nest?
Climb up and peek.
Hop like bunnies,
hide and seek.



Robins bathe
in a puddle.
Little mouse
has to scuttle!

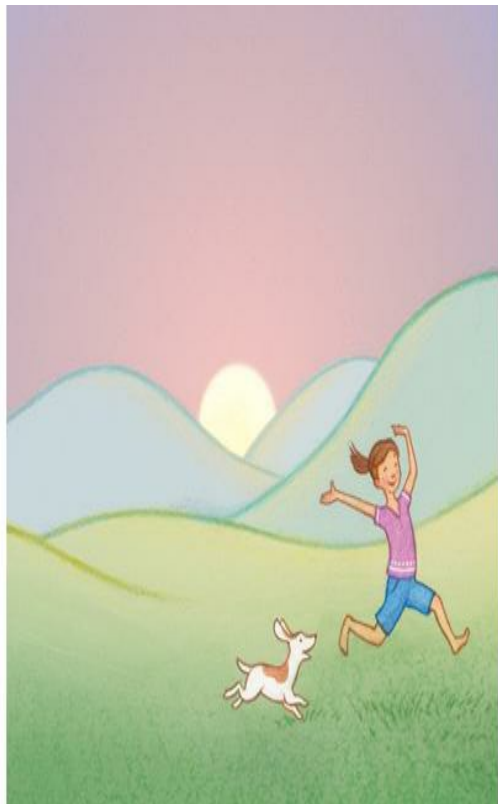
Hello,
yellow baby chicks,
calf that licks,
kid that kicks.



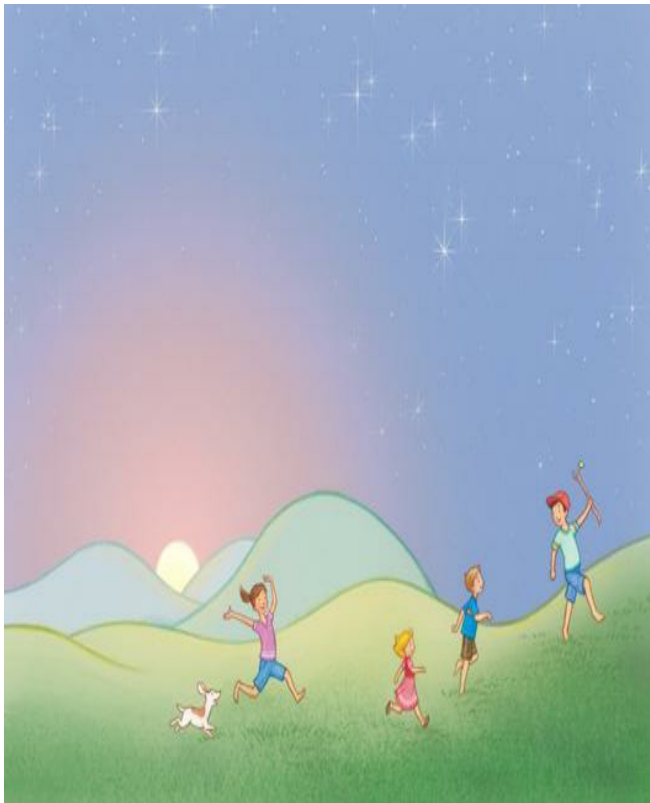
Welcome,
woolly little lamb.
You all are part of
spring's grand plan.



The sun stays up
so we can play
until late in
this spring day.



When stars pop out
in the night sky,
spring sings a loving
lullaby.



Bullfrogs croak,
owls *WHO-WHO*.
That is all
this day can do.

